

REMARKS

The Examiner allowed claims 1-33 and 35-41 pending in the application prior to entering this amendment.

The Applicant amends claims 1, 15, and 16 to correct antecedent basis. The claim amendments are not being made to overcome any cited references, and Applicant neither intends nor believes that the amendments operate to narrow the scope of the claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the attached amendment after allowance be entered prior to issuance of the patent.

The application remains with claims 1-33 and 35-41 after entering this amendment.

APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Although the Applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that claims 1-33 and 35-41 are allowable, the Applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-33 and 35-41 as amended. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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